



**SENATOR
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Biography: Democrat, of Lansing; born April 29, 1950, in Gladwin, raised in Clare; two children, Todd and Michelle; a daughter-in-law, Sara; a son-in-law, Scott; three grandchildren; B.A., Michigan State University, 1972; M.S.W., Michigan State University, 1975; served in Michigan House of Representatives, 1979-1990, and Michigan Senate, 1991-1994; chair, Ingham County Board of Commissioners, 1975-1978; co-founder of the Michigan Leadership Institute, Inc., which specializes in leadership development and team building training for organizations and individuals; member, United Methodist Church; elected to U.S. House of Representatives, November 1996, served two terms; elected to U.S. Senate, November 2000; currently serving on the Joint Committee on Taxation and the Senate Committees on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Budget; Energy and Natural Resources; and Finance. The Senator has been recognized nationally with over 200 awards by families, small businesses, and organizations for leadership and public service including Michiganian of the Year (1982), *The Detroit News*; Outstanding Young American (1986), U.S. Jaycees; Legislator of the Year (1989), Child Welfare League of America; 1990 ATHENA Award; Congressional Leadership Award (2005), National Urban League; Great Lakes Legislator of the Year (2005), Great Lakes Maritime Task Force; Legislator of the Year (2005), Michigan Association of Firefighters; Health Care Champion Award (2012), American Hospital Association; Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Government Service (2012), American Medical Association; Champion of Agriculture (2013), Michigan Agri-Business Association.